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125 E. Main Street  
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**NOTICE OF  
CONTINUED HEARING AND TENTATIVE RENEWAL  
OF  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM  
(NPDES) PERMIT NO. CA0079898  
AND  
TENTATIVE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER  
FOR  
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
NEVADA COUNTY**

**TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS AND AGENCIES:**

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board), held a hearing regarding the tentative NPDES permit renewal and Cease and Desist Order on 4 December 2008. The Regional Water Board continued the hearing to allow public comments on a subsequent tentative permit, issued on 15 December 2008, addressing concerns regarding salinity effluent limitations and removal of effluent limitations for aluminum, copper and zinc.

On 9 March 2009, the Discharger provided additional information from the Nevada Irrigation District regarding local ordinances prohibiting municipal and domestic supply uses in Wolf Creek downstream of the discharge location. The proposed tentative permit was again modified to include additional rationale regarding the municipal and domestic supply uses in Wolf Creek and to address public comments on the 15 December 2008 Tentative Permit.

Enclosed is the subsequently modified tentative NPDES Permit renewal for the City of Grass Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant. To be given full consideration, any comments or recommendations you may have regarding the enclosed document must be submitted in writing to the Regional Water Board office by 5:00 p.m. on **11 May 2009**. Written evidence or comments must be limited to the scope of the continued hearing for proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text in the tentative NPDES permit document. Written evidence of comments outside the scope of the proposed revisions identified in "underline/strike-out" text and/or submitted after 5:00 p.m. on **11 May 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*

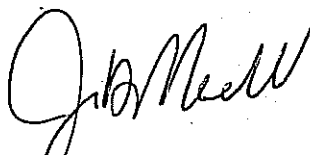
The Continuation of the Public Hearing has been scheduled for the Central Regional Water Board to consider adoption of the proposed NPDES Permit renewal at its June 2009 Board Meeting. The Notice of Continued Hearing and a copy of a Proof of Posting form are enclosed. Regulations require that the Discharger post one (1) copy of the Notice, for one day commencing no later than **17 April 2009**, at the following locations:

- The nearest city hall or county courthouse,
- The post office nearest to the Facility (if allowed), and
- The public entrance of the wastewater treatment facility.

Proof of posting, using the enclosed form, shall be filed with this office by **24 April 2009**.

In order to conserve resources, this letter transmits a paper copy of the tentative NPDES permit to the Discharger only. Interested persons may download the document from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders). Copies of the document may also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the tentative NPDES Permit, please contact me at (916) 464-4828 or [dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dcmessina@waterboards.ca.gov).



for Diana Messina  
Supervising Engineer

Enclosures: Tentative NPDES Permit (Discharger Only)  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Proof of Posting (Discharger Only)

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US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento  
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